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THIRD COMMITTEE OF THE 30TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY --

THE MOST TUMULTUOUS SESSION OF THE GA ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN MORE THAN A DECADE REAFFIRMED PAST SUSPICIONS AND PROVIDED NEW INSIGHTS. IN THE AREA OF HUMAN RIGHTS, THE GA ONCE AGAIN PROVED THAT IT IS A BODY UNCONGENIAL TO US INTERESTS AND VALUES. SINCE THE UN'S BEGINNING, HUMAN RIGHTS WORK HAS CONSISTED ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY OF ELABORATING DECLARATIONS AND CONVENTIONS ON THE SUBJECT, AND THE UN HAS SCRUPULOUSLY AVOIDED PUTTING THEM TO ANY REAL POLITICAL EFFECT. A SURVEY OF VOTES OF REGIONAL GROUPS SHOWS STATES MOST OPPOSED TO HUMAN RIGHTS INITIATIVES TEND TO BE COMMUNIST, RADICAL/LEFTIST, OR MUSLIM.

LED BY THE LIKES OF SAUDI ARABIA, CUBA, MADAGASCAR, MALI AND BYELORUSSIA, A SERIES OF AMENDMENTS WERE SUBMITTED TO THE US DRAFT RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN UNCONDITIONAL AMNESTY FOR ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS, THE TOTAL EFFECT OF WHICH WOULD HAVE BEEN TO TRANSFORM IT FROM A CALL TO FREE POLITICAL PRISONERS TO A LEGITIMIZATION OF TERRORIST ACTS AND AN EXCLUSION OF ANY CONCERN WHATSOEVER FOR PEOPLE IMPRISONED MERELY BECAUSE OF THEIR OPINIONS AND BELIEFS. RATHER THAN HAVE THE UN ADOPT A RESOLUTION PERVERTED OUT OF RECOGNITION BY MALICIOUS AMENDMENTS, THE US CHOSE TO WITHDRAW THE PROPOSAL.

THE PERSISTENT EFFORTS OF THE ANTI-HUMAN RIGHTS BLOC, INSPIRED BY STALINIST TERMINOLOGY, ERODE FURTHER EACH YEAR THE LANGUAGE OF HUMAN RIGHTS FAMILIAR TO THE WEST. ORWELLIAN INVERSIONS OF LANGUAGE -- WITH PEACE BECOMING WAR; JUSTICE, INJUSTICE; AND FREEDOM, REGIMENTATION -- ARE STANDARD TO THE UN LEXICON. THE MOST NOTICEABLE ADDITION THIS YEAR WAS DEFINING ZIONISM TO BE A FORM OF RACISM, BUT THE PROCESS DID NOT STOP THERE. IN SPEAKING ON THE SUBJECT OF TORTURE, THE PLO REPRESENTATIVE CLAIMED THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE HAVE BEEN SUBJECTED TO MASS TORTURE FOR A QUARTER OF A CENTURY IN THAT THEY HAVE BEEN DENIED THE RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION. THIS DEBASEMENT OF LANGUAGE IS THE MOST DIRECT THREAT POSED BY HUMAN RIGHTS ACTION AT THE UN.

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THE THIRD COMMITTEE OF THE 30TH GA BROUGHT MUCH TO LIGHT BUT ACCOMPLISHED LITTLE POSITIVE. THE IMPASSE REMAINS THE SAME AS IN THE PAST: DOCUMENTS ARE ADOPTED, BUT NOTHING IS ACCOMPLISHED TO SAFEGUARD INDIVIDUALS FROM THE OPPRESSION OF GOVERNMENTS. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE -- OURTEL 24)

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PORTUGUESE TIMOR --

THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE TO VISIT PORTUGUESE TIMOR, WINSPEARE GUICCIARDI, HAS BEEN CONSULTING AT UN HEADQUARTERS, HAS MET REPRESENTATIVES OF PORTUGAL AND INDONESIA, AND IS EXPECTED TO DEPART FOR LISBON JANUARY 7 AND REACH PORTUGUESE TIMOR SOMETIME WEEK OF JANUARY 12, ACCORDING TO UN/OPI SPOKESMAN. (OURTEL 34)

UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL --

THE NORWEGIAN MISSION INFORMED USUN BY LETTER THAT HEDEMANN IS THE NORWEGIAN CANDIDATE FOR FIRST PRESIDENT OF THE 21ST SESSION OF THE UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL AND CHAIRMAN OF THE BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE FOR 1976. (OURTEL 30)

WORLD FOOD PROGRAM PLEDGING CONFERENCE --

BY NOTE, THE UN SECRETARY GENERAL AND THE FAO DIRECTOR GENERAL ANNOUNCED THAT A WORLD FOOD PROGRAM PLEDGING CONFERENCE WILL TAKE PLACE IN NEW YORK ON FEBRUARY 4. (OURTEL 31)

BOMB THREAT --

MEMBER OF OFFICE OF PERMANENT OBSERVER OF LEAGUE OF ARAB STATES TO THE UN RECEIVED A TELEPHONE CALL JANUARY 5 INFORMING HIM THERE WAS A BOMB IN THE OFFICE AND "YOU ARE GOING TO DIE." NO BOMB WAS FOUND DURING POLICE SEARCH OF PREMISES. (OURTEL 32)

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